

PHILS WILL TRAIN IN CHARLOTTE, BUT EDDIE BURNS WILL DO HIS WORK IN CALIFORNIA

EDDIE BURNS FAILS TO SIGN AND DRAWS RELEASE FROM PHILS

Veteran Catcher Now at Liberty to Select Own Ball Park This Season—Meusel, Bancroft and Fitzgerald Still Among Missing

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger THE official tinware has been attached to Eddie Burns, once upon a time star catcher for the Phils. From now on he will be allowed to play ball on his own hook and even go so far as to sell himself to some club out on the coast. He has been cast adrift by the home folks.

President Baker decided on this course of procedure Saturday when Edward's contract could not be found in the office. The contract had been sent to his home in Monterey, Calif., and evidently still is out there, framed, in Eddie's new haberdashery store. At any rate, Baker was very much peeved and dictated a polite note telling Mr. Burns to remain in the old homestead.

Funny thing about Burns. He did some good catching for the Phils, was considered a brainy man behind the plate, but not one big club claimed him when waivers were asked a couple of weeks ago. Eddie, however, announced his retirement last month, but was not taken seriously. Ball players usually announce their retirement when the figures on the contract are not satisfactory.

Now Burns must go to the minors or quit playing baseball. That is the edict sent across the continent by the big boss of the Phils, and Eddie must act accordingly.

There is another holdout according to the list of players announced by Baker yesterday. It is none other than Emil "Irish" Meusel, the kid outfielder, who played a fair game last year. Irish is a real holdout, but not over the salary question. He is said to have agreed on the figures, but insisted that transportation for his wife be paid by the club. This is unusual and the president called a halt. There will be no more letters exchanged and Meusel either must come to terms or stay out on the coast and out of baseball.

DAVEY BANCROFT has not yet signed the papers, but is expected to come through this week. The difference between himself and the club has been settled amicably and the little shortstop will be among those present when the club leaves for Charlotte one week from today.

Shortstops Leaders in Holdout League

SHORTSTOPS have been the star holdouts this year. They have been last to fall in line and a few still are on the outside looking in. Both Chicago clubs are up against it, with Charley Hollocher howling for more pay out on the North Side and Buck Weaver defying Charley Comiskey on the South Side. In addition, Donnie Bush, of Detroit, has taken the bit between his teeth and is fighting it out with Hughie Jennings for an increased stipend. Billy Kopf, traded to Brooklyn by Cincinnati, announced his retirement after looking at the contract sent by Ebbets.

Chicago is all set up over the holdout of its two star shortstops and now the fans are getting anxious. Buck Weaver, of the White Sox, has many friends, but it will take more than that to move Comiskey. The Old Roman says he will not offer one red cent more to Weaver, and if he doesn't sign in a short time he can go to work in some factory.

Buck says he did Comiskey a favor last year when he did not ask for an increase in salary. Now he believes he is entitled to it, for he admits last year was the best he ever had, as he outbatted and outplayed Eddie Collins.

President Fred Mitchell, of the Cubs, is not handing out any news these days, so the official standing of Hollocher cannot be determined. However, he has asked for more money and asserts he will hold out until he gets it.

Signing a contract is not such a difficult task if you go about it in the proper manner. It is much easier than filling out an income-tax report, as Mike Dee can testify.

Mike is the trainer of the Phils. He has an important job and is under contract. On Saturday he made his way through the blizzard to the Phils' office. Then he demanded his contract from Miss Mallen, President Baker's secretary.

"WHERE do I sign?" he asked, after looking at nothing but the salary figures.

"On the dotted line," was the reply, and Mike signed.

Johnson and Fulton Star Squealers

JACK JOHNSON should meet Fred Fulton, the ferocious fumbler, for the squealers' championship of the universe. After his alleged confession in Havana, he is now a member of the foxtrotters' union and can take his seat beside Fulton. Johnson made a strong bid for publicity, got it, but lost the last shred of his reputation. From now on he's a dead one and can stay away as long as he pleases.

Johnson thought he was pulling something big when the "confession" was sprung last week. He had told the story many times before, always got away with it and imagined it would be the same in Cuba and the United States. As was said before, it is old stuff and I heard about his wall more than two years ago from Barney Malone, who had been touring in Scotland as Johnson's sparring partner. Barney showed me the People's Journal, published in Aberdeen, Scotland, and on February 3, 1916, an interview with Jack was printed.

After stating he had been double-crossed by those who promised to square things with the American authorities so he could go home and see his mother, Johnson said he lay down to Willard in the Havana battle. He also is quoted at length. Compare this with his late statement.

"I don't want to be champion of the world," said Johnson. "If I won the title again tomorrow I would willingly hand it to the first man I met on the street. I am not speaking disrespectfully about Willard, because I think he is a great fellow—as far as being a man is concerned—but if he were as good a boxer as he is a man—well, he would be a great fighter.

"My fight with Willard in Havana was a financial proposition. No one knows the persecution I suffered at the hands of the 'dandy people' of the United States because they could not find a white man to defeat me.

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Phila. Golfer May Annex Woman's National Title

Mrs. Vanderbeck, Mrs. Barlow and Miss Caverly Among Eight Leading Local Contenders TO PLAY AT SHAWNEE

By PETER PUTTER GREAT interest centers in the national golf championships, which will be held this year for the first time since 1917. Chick Evans is the present amateur and open champion and Miss Alexa Stirling is the woman champion.

BRITISH GOLF STARS CANCEL AMERICAN TRIP

Harry Vardon Writes That English Teams Now Plan On Tour in 1920

There will be no American tour for the British golf stars this season. There is no question that a series of international matches in this country would stimulate the game. Many believed the leading British golfers would be here, but a letter from Harry Vardon, noted English golfer, stated that he and his fellow players had decided to cancel their tour.

PROS PLAY WELL

French and Wilson Win Pinehurst Match

Pinehurst, N. C., March 17.—In one of the best professional four-ball matches staged at Pinehurst this season, Emmet French, of York, and Willie Wilson, of York Harbor, defeated Herbert Lagerblad, of Youngstown, and Walter Howe, of the Tatum Club, by 2 and 1, on the championship course. The winners' best ball was 35-30-65. The losers' was 36-34-65.

250 Boys Wanted

between the ages of 12 and 15 years to participate in the peace jubilee; must be experienced bicycle riders; Boy Scouts preferred; bicycles and uniforms will be furnished by Penn Cycle & Auto Supply Co.

RAINEY LIKELY TO MAKE RECORD

Central Star Has Bettered Fifty-Yard Mark Several Times

C. H. S. TEAM FAVORITE

By PAUL PREP Providing the weatherman doesn't put a clamp on the plans, the annual track and field championships of the local public high schools will be held this afternoon on the roof of the Wanamaker store. The event originally was scheduled for last Friday, but a sudden snowstorm forced the officials to call off everything.

Record is 5-4-5 Seconds

The record for the fifty-yard dash on a wooden track is 5-4-5 seconds, made seven or eight years ago. Joe Rainey, the speed king representing Centenary School, is on a record-breaking rampage with the mark for the fifty-yard dash his main object. Rainey has been running in great style for the Meadowbrook Club, and Lew Spielman, the store club trainer, has him in the best of condition.

Due to the lack of space on the Wanamaker roof, tickets are at a premium. Each school was allotted 100 tickets. This number was entirely too small for the demand. There were at least three applicants for each ticket. At one school one of the unlucky students offered to pay several dollars for a ticket. Even this failed to get him an admittance card.

Cage Final Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon at the Germantown High School the basketball championship will be decided. The game will be between Central High and West Philadelphia. The two squads practiced several times last week and the game should be fast all the way. Both teams will have their regular line-up to start the game.

HOLY CROSS SCHEDULE

Purple Nine Will Play Here April 21

Worcester, March 16.—The Holy Cross baseball schedule, as given out today, for twenty-seven games, with three open dates yet to be filled. The current two-game series with Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, Williams and Fordham have been slated.

C. C. N. Y. BASEBALL DATES

Season Will Open April 8, With Rutgers Nine

LOCAL GOLFERS WIN

Mrs. Barlow and Mrs. Vanderbeck Beat Canard Captain

Pinehurst, N. C., March 17.—Captain C. B. Grier, of the Royal Montreal Golf Club, attempted a novel experiment this afternoon when he essayed to beat the best ball of Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, of the Merion Cricket Club, and Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbeck, of the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

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Ted Meredith to Write Series of Track Stories

Ted Meredith, Meadowbrook's famous middle distance runner, who knows track athletics and conditions as well as any trainer in the country, has consented to write a series of articles for the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, the first of which appears in these columns today.

"MIKE" SWEENEY IS HIGH SCORER

Star Penn Forward Tallied 95 Points in Intercollegiate Games

"Mike" Sweeney, Penn's flashy forward, has captured the title of the individual scoring honors in the Intercollegiate Basketball League with a total of 95 points. The Red and Blue captain, who proved a big factor in bringing the intercollegiate basketball championship to Pennsylvania for the second consecutive time, totaled 17 field goals and 61 fouls in the eight games played.

Shes Outdoor Runner

With all the encouraging features of the season, there are also a few disappointments. One of the things that has been asked many times is, Why did Shes, of Pittsburgh, who ran a 47.8-second quarter mile in the intercollegiate meet last year, do so poorly at the championships in the 600 yards?

This can be only explained by the fact that Shes is not an experienced indoor runner, nor is he able to run in a suit designed for indoor tracks. Another thing to be figured is the size of the field that started in the race and the fact that Shes drew the outside position with all men of indoor training on the pole.

Position Counts

Shes is a fast runner, but when a race such as the 600 was come along it is not time that counts as much as it is the position a man gets in the first part of the race and his ability to keep it by change of speed.

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Tufts on Harvard Schedule

Medford, Mass., March 17.—The Tufts College football schedule was completed by the arrangement for a game with Harvard at Cambridge on Saturday, November 2.

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